

panels 1,2 by a distance about 10-18 mm and the distance (d in Fig. 1b) between the yarn 6B and the yarn 6A is preferably about 2-5 mm.

Delete page 9, lines 18-20, and add, as follows:

The disclosure of applications Serial No. 09/318,251 filed on May 25, 1999 and Serial No. 09/342,171 filed on June 29,1999 is herein incorporated.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7-11 and 14, as follows:

1.(amended) An airbag comprising:

a first panel and a second panel, which have peripheral portions having inner surfaces facing and connected to each other,

elastic adhesive disposed between the inner surfaces of the first and second panels at the peripheral portions to connect the first and second panels, and

a yarn sewed along the peripheral portions within a range of the width of the elastic adhesive to connect the first and second panels together with the elastic adhesive so that when the first and second panels are pulled in inflating the airbag, the adhesive is pulled outwardly to absorb an expansion force.

7.(amended) The airbag as claimed in claim 1, wherein said yarn comprises a first seam positioned outside and a second seam positioned inside relative to a center of the first and second panels, a sewing yarn for the second seam being thinner than a sewing yarn for the first seam.

8.(amended) The airbag as claimed in claim 7, wherein the sewing yarn for the second seam is broken during inflation of the airbag so as to partially absorb energy of gas pressure.

9.(amended) The airbag as claimed in claim 1, further comprising sealant to cover the yarn on the peripheral portions of the panels.

10.(amended) The airbag as claimed in claim 1, wherein an amount of